

# WHATCOM UNIFIED SITUATION REPORT



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| REPORT #: 20200508.1      | DATE: 5/08/2020        | TIME: 16:00             |
| INCIDENT NAME: COVID-2019 | OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 10 | MISSION NUMBER: 20-0265 |

## WHATCOM UNIFIED INCIDENT COMMAND STATUS

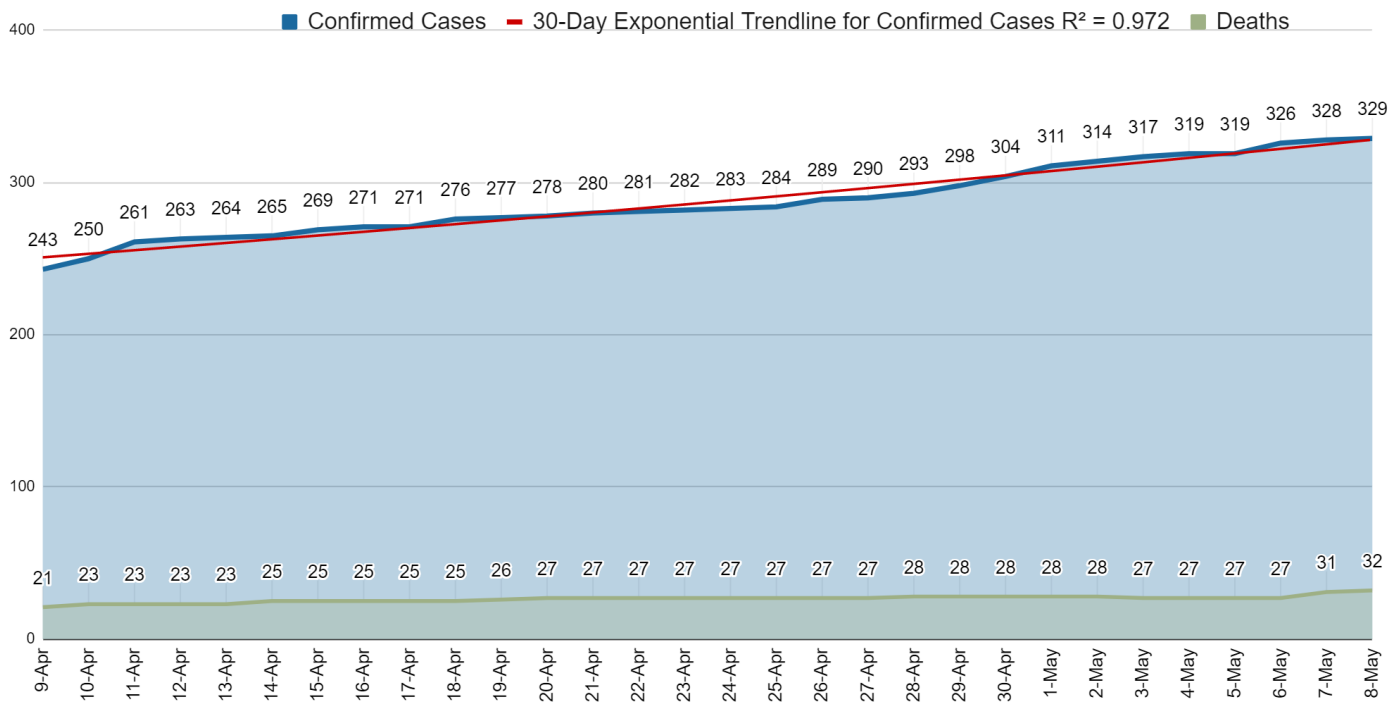
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| ACTIVATION:<br>Whatcom Unified Emergency Command Center | ACTIVATION STATUS:<br>Partial | HOURS OF OPERATION:<br>8am – 5pm |
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## GENERAL SITUATION

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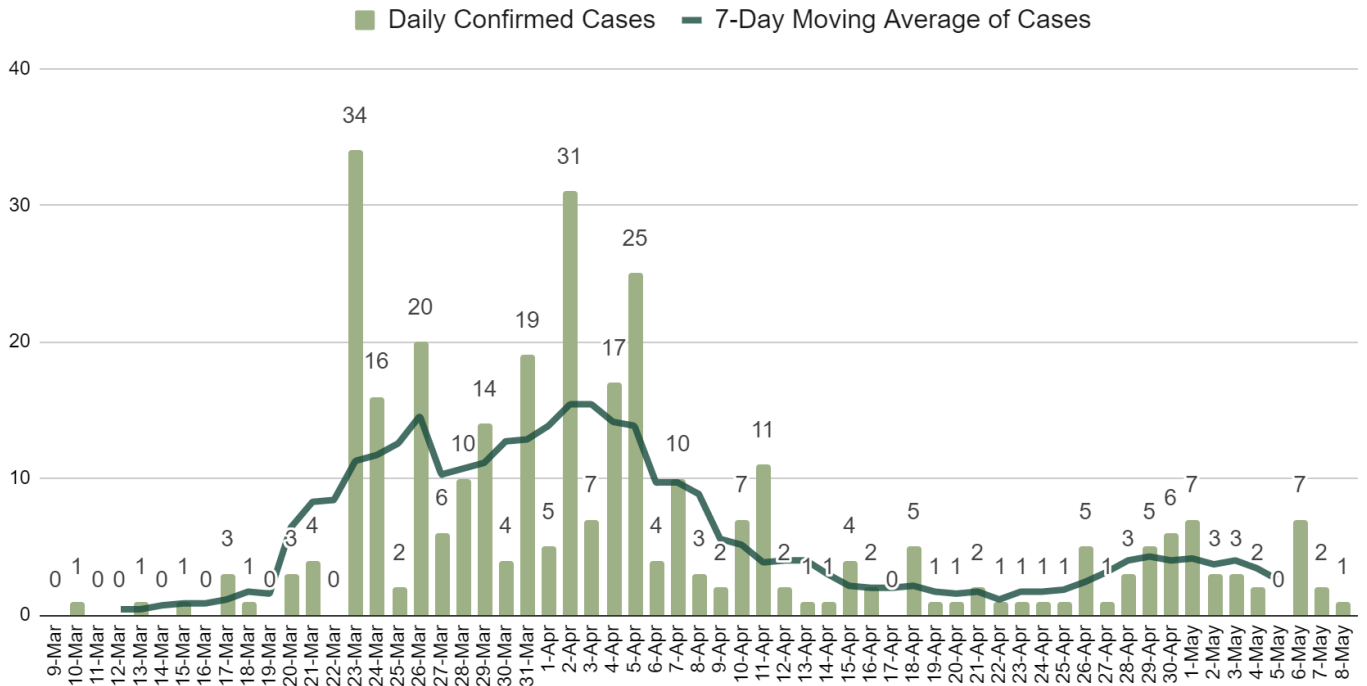
### WHATCOM COUNTY TOTALS

30-Day COVID-19 Confirmed Total Cases and Deaths, Whatcom County

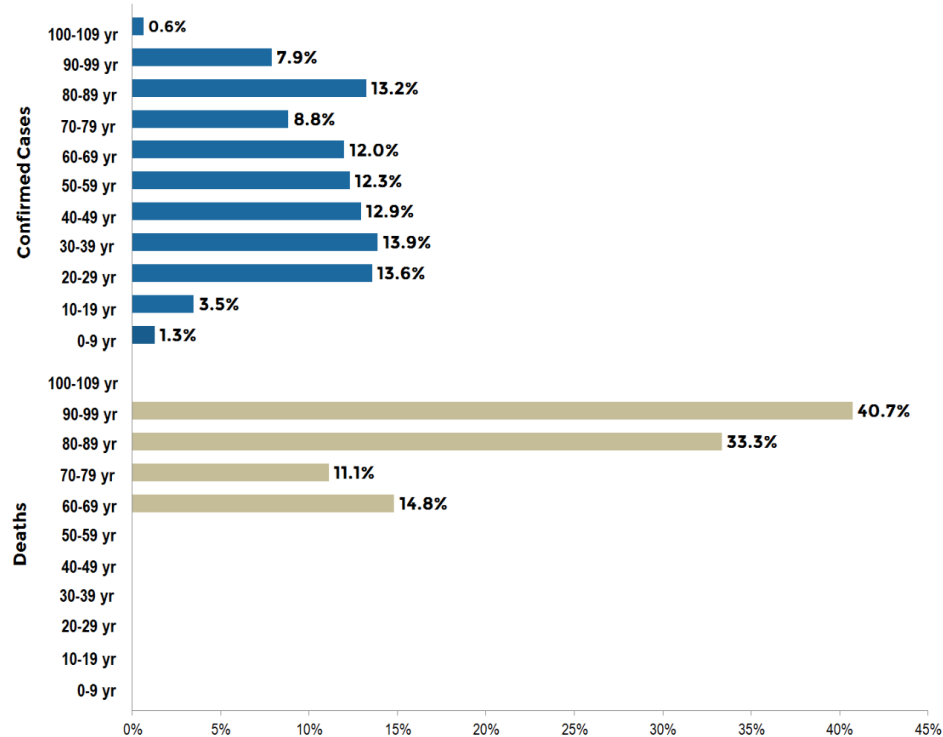


| DATE       | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS |
|------------|-----------------|--------|
| 05/08/2020 | 329             | 32     |
| 05/07/2020 | 328             | 31     |
| 05/06/2020 | 326             | 27     |
| 05/05/2020 | 319             | 27     |
| 05/04/2020 | 319             | 27     |

## COVID-19 Daily Confirmed Cases with 7-Day Moving Average, Whatcom County



## Confirmed Cases And Deaths, By Age Category



\*Source: Whatcom County Health Department

## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

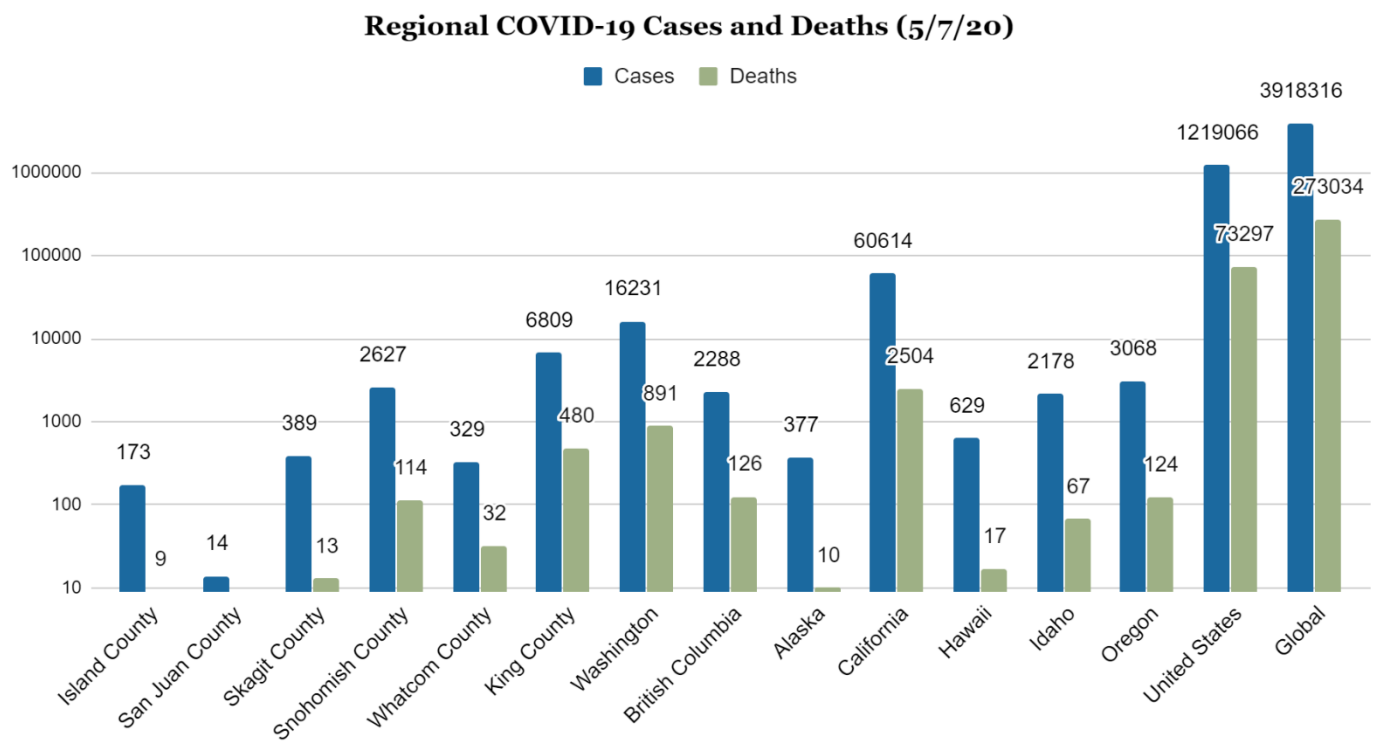
*\*Daily Hospital Data for PeaceHealth St. Joseph from the Washington State Hospital Association was updated for May 8 & 9, 2020. Data for April 28 to May 6, 2020 still unavailable.*

| PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center | 05/08/20 | 05/07/20 | 05/06/20 | 05/05/20 | 05/04/20 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Beds                            | 232      | 232      | 232      | 232      | 232      |
| Total Patients Admitted               | 139      | 139      | *N/A     | *N/A     | *N/A     |
| Total Beds Available                  | 93       | 93       | *N/A     | *N/A     | *N/A     |
| Total Ventilators Available           | 43       | 43       | 43       | 43       | 43       |

**\*\*Note:** Capability to expand to 241 beds as needed.

**\*\*Source:** PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center and Washington State Hospital Association

**COVID-19 Confirmed Total Case Counts and Deaths by Region**, Washington and Western States, US and British Columbia (as of May 7, 2020)



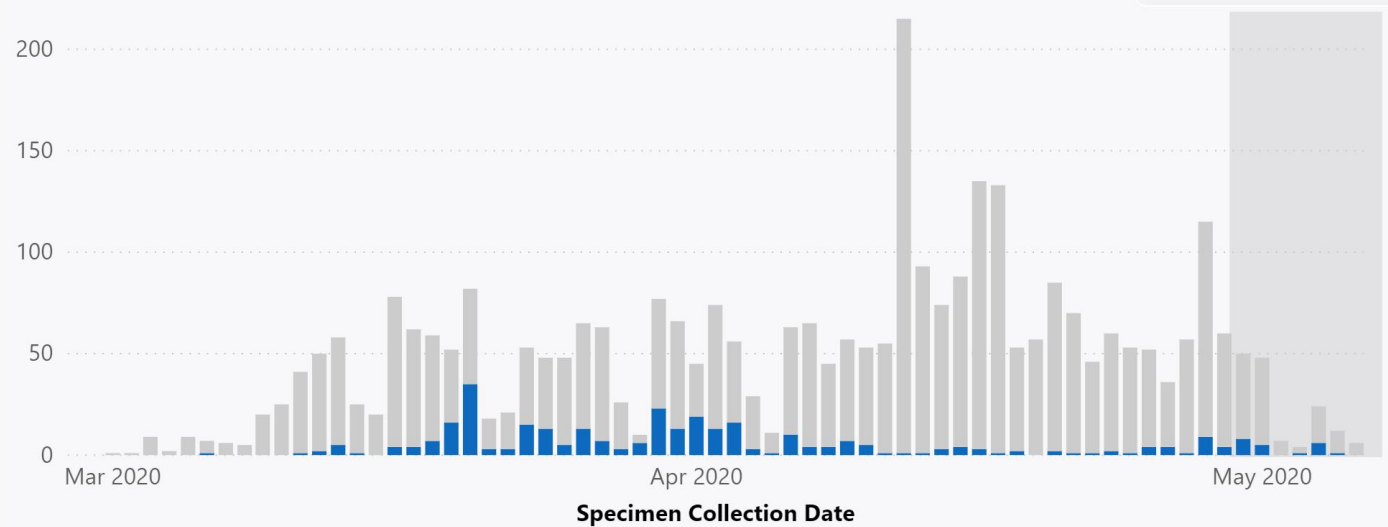
**\*Source:** Washington State Department of Health <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>

### Number of Individuals Tested

10.1% of individuals tested positive

Data may be incomplete for the most recent dates.

● Positive ● Negative



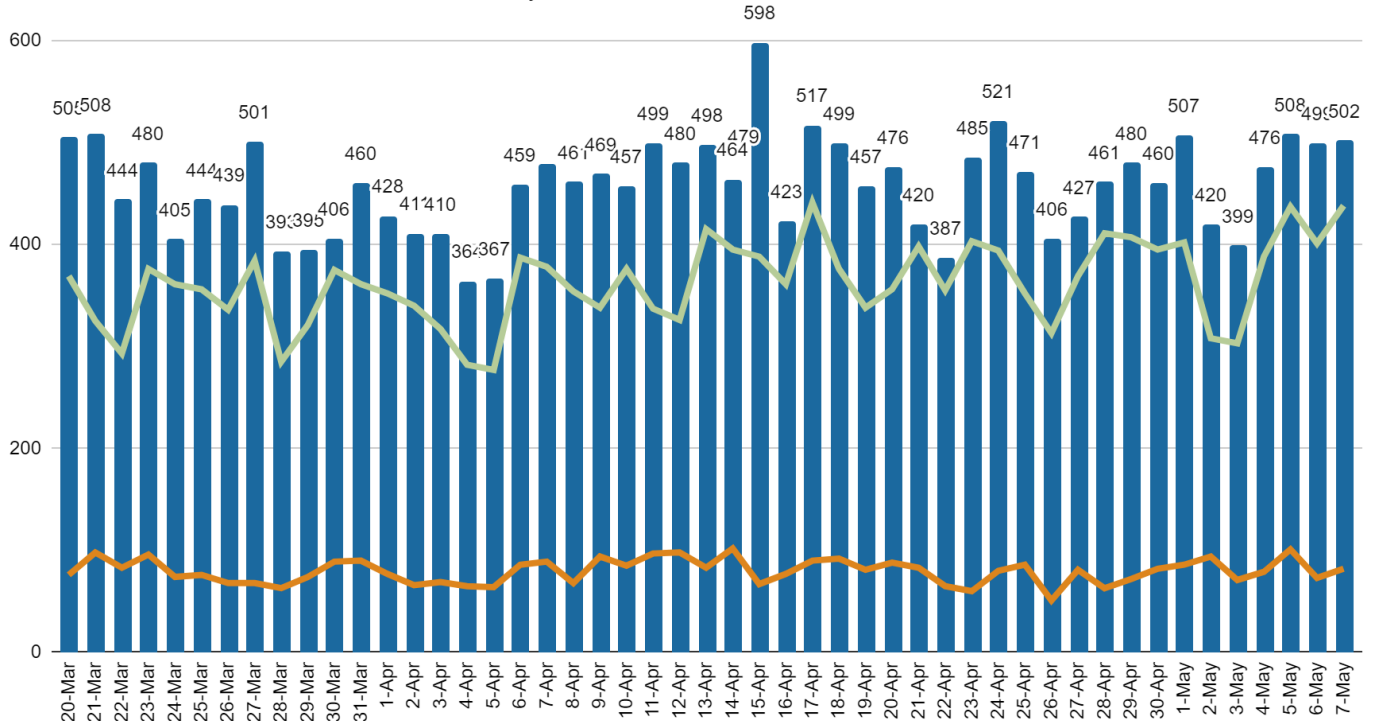
\*Graph last updated May 7, 2020 at 3:30 P.M.

\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health

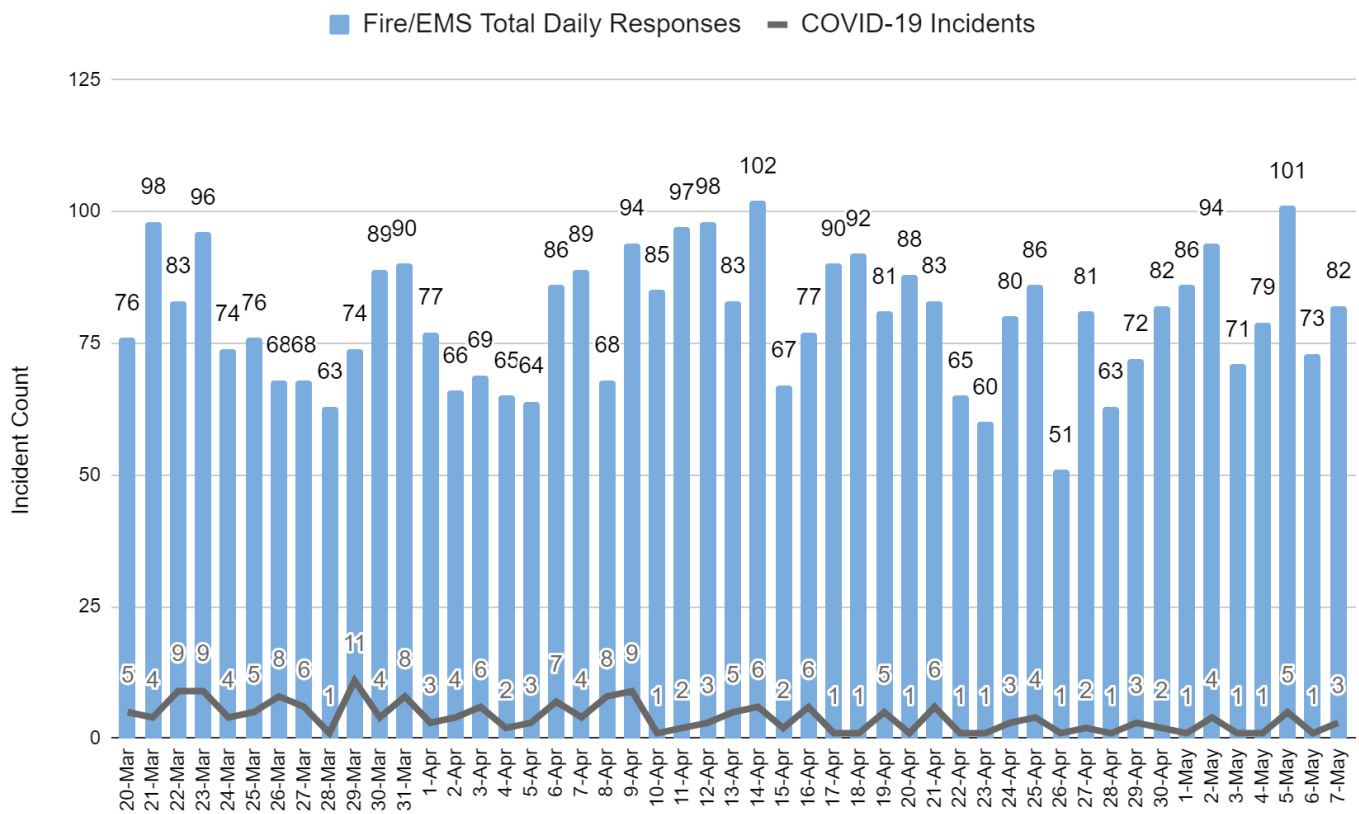
<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/DataDashboard>

### Daily 911 Call Totals with Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS Response Totals, Whatcom County

■ Daily 911 Calls ■ Law ■ Fire/EMS



## Total Daily EMS Response Calls and Suspected COVID-19 Incidents, Whatcom County



\*Note: A single incident can generate multiple 911 calls and incidents can occur without a 911 call.

\*\*Source: Whatcom County EMS

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Incident Objective 6:** Keep the public, stakeholders, and the media informed of response activities

The Whatcom Unified Command **Joint Information Center (JIC)** updates and maintains the Whatcom COVID-19 website as the central repository for the most up to date information regarding COVID-19 for Whatcom County residents. Updates are continually made to report on current health data, government recommendations and orders, and media coverage. All information has been verified to come from reputable sources. The JIC coordinates with partner agencies throughout the State to maintain consistency when reporting information.

### Local Information (Coordinated through the JIC):

- WUC Whatcom COVID-19 website: <https://whatcomcovid.com/>
- Whatcom County Health Department website: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid>
- Whatcom County News Flash: [www.co.whatcom.wa.us](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us)
- [WUC Facebook](#)
- [WUC Twitter](#)
- [Whatcom County Health Department Facebook](#)

## State and Federal Information

- Governor Inslee's Proclamations: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations>
- Washington State Department of Health provides guidance on wearing cloth face coverings <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/ClothFacemasks.pdf>
- [Governor's phased approach](#)

## JIC Updates

- WCHD Website [www.whatcomcounty.us/covid](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/covid)
  - Sent Public Health News Flashes on:
    - Domestic violence support and resources
  - Posted new guidance document for drive-in religious services
- Whatcom Unified Command website [www.whatcomcovid.com](http://www.whatcomcovid.com)
  - Updated Sit Report with 5/7/20 report
  - Responded to inquiries submitted to the website
- Social Media Posts
  - WCHD Facebook Updates
    - How to celebrate Mother's Day safely
    - Sign up instructions for WCHD updates
  - WUC Facebook Updates
    - How to celebrate Mother's Day Safely
- Press Releases
  - Whatcom County Provides Relief for Food Establishments by Extending Permit Expiration Dates (pending)
- Other
  - Prepared Stay Home, Stay Healthy Q & A recordings
- Ongoing conversations with media
  - Responding to questions from various reporters

## State and Local

- Bellingham Herald: "[COVID-19 could impact the mental health of millions in Washington state, experts say](#)" (May, 8, 2020)
- Bellingham Herald: "[Bloodworks calls for blood donors as Washington prepares for more surgeries, operations](#)" (May 7, 2020)
- Seattle Times: "[Coronavirus unemployment: Bartenders, dental assistants top list of Washington's hardest-hit jobs](#)" (May 8, 2020)

## National

- The Conversation: "[New study shows staggering effect of coronavirus pandemic on America's mental health](#)" (May 7, 2020)
- Reuters: "[Countries must return to public health surveillance in COVID-19 fight: WHO's Ryan](#)" (May 8, 2020)
- Newsweek: "[Almost All Job Growth From Great Recession Recovery Has Now Been Wiped Out As Jobless Rate Hits 14.7 Percent](#)" (May 8, 2020)

## Upcoming and Continuing JIC Priorities

- Continue to prioritize messaging based on current Incident Objectives
- We continue to work with Liaison to determine local COVID-19 call center needs and the best tool to address local phone inquiries.
- Continue to reinforce the importance of staying home and staying healthy for our community.

- Work with Liaison to develop a plan for distribution of communication materials for community groups.
- We are working on a more robust, strategic communications plan incorporating an equity focus throughout our messaging.
- Collect, summarize, and publish information about PPE distributed by WUC.
- Develop materials to explain planning process and communicate context of preparations.
- Greater outreach to farming communities.
- Help set general expectations for May and progression of phased reopening.
- Communicate changes in Stay Home, Stay Healthy order as they are made public.
- Keep public updated on Public Health Advisory Board's Reopening Task Force.
- Publish Q&A video segments from local experts about Stay Home, Stay Healthy and transitioning through Governor Inslee's phased approach to reopenings.

## WHATCOM UNIFIED COMMAND INFORMATION

### INCIDENT OBJECTIVES: Operational Period 10

1. Anticipate and develop plans to address potential second peak of COVID-19 infections.
2. Prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
3. Provide for the most vulnerable members of the community.
4. Ensure adequacy of First Responder/Healthcare personnel and equipment/supplies.
5. Enable continuity of Essential Services.
6. Keep the public, stakeholders and the media informed of response activities.
7. Manage a coordinated interagency response effort that reflects the makeup of Unified Command.

## SOURCES & RELEVANT SITES

IAP Software  
WADOH Daily Epi Report  
WADOH Map: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/3614241b1c2b4e519ae1cf52e2c3d560>  
Whatcom County Health Department <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/3329/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19#case>  
Whatcom County EMS  
Washington State Hospital Association- Hospital Supply Tracker  
Whatcom County Health Department Situation Reports  
Washington: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus>  
British Columbia: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>  
Alaska: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/monitoring.aspx>  
California: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>  
Hawaii: <https://hawaiiicovid19.com/>  
Idaho: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>  
Oregon: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>  
CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>  
Global: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

## SECTION UPDATES

### LOGISTICS

1. Continuing to expand sourcing options for PPE, and connecting customers directly to distributors where feasible.

**OPERATIONS**

1. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

**PLANNING**

1. Maintaining support for ongoing operational goals and activities.

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Incident Command

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